
STATEMENT

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Provincial Health Services Authority

STATEMENT FROM WYNNE POWELL ON THE RETIREMENT OF LYNDA CRANSTON

The Board of the Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA) met today to review two items.

I regret to announce that Lynda Cranston will be relinquishing her duties as PHSA President and CEO effective immediately. However, she will be overseeing the transition of key projects as she works toward her retirement, which will be effective July 31, 2013. Mrs. Cranston is PHSA's first and only President and CEO. For the past decade, she has worked tirelessly to help shape PHSA into the high quality, world-class health organization that it is today.

As Board Chair, I am honored to have had the opportunity to have worked with Mrs. Cranston. Her leadership, dedication and passion have inspired many, including myself, over the years. I found her expertise in the health sector unmatched.

The Board and Mrs. Cranston have agreed that she will receive no severance as result of her retirement.

The search for a new President and CEO will begin immediately. In the meantime, Carl Roy has been appointed Acting President and CEO.

In addition, the Board was informed this week that PHSA approved salary increases for management without their consent or knowledge. The salary increases did not comply with government wage guidelines. The PHSA Board has always prided itself on providing high quality care while ensuring public funds are expended in the most efficient and appropriate manner.

Given that some of the increases violated government guidelines, the Board is reviewing its legal options for addressing the raises which were not in compliance. The Board will also meet in the days ahead to review measures that can be implemented to ensure this situation does not occur in the future.

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